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SENATE BILL

No. 1942

Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 22, 2002

An act to add *and repeal* Section 34094 ~~to~~ of the Government Code, relating to municipal corporations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1942, as amended, Alarcon. City of Los Angeles.

Existing law authorizes a local agency formation commission to review proposals for organization and reorganization of municipal entities, including cities.

This bill would, *until July 1, 2009*, establish the Commission on Effective Government of the City of Los Angeles consisting of ~~15~~ 18 members. The bill would require the commission to ~~conduct a study to develop~~ *make recommendations regarding* alternative models of governance of the City of Los Angeles, as specified. *It would require the commission to submit the recommendations to the Legislature, among others, on or before January 1, 2005, and every 2 years thereafter.*

The bill would become operative only if the special reorganization of the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles is not confirmed by the voters at the November 5, 2002, general election.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) The state is responsible for making a representative form of
4 government available to existing and newly formed cities.

5 (b) A city government must be organized in a manner that
6 affords the best political representation to its citizens, given the
7 particular social needs of the city.

8 (c) A government is most effective when experienced
9 policymakers participate in its operation.

10 (d) At the same time, the ability of government to recruit
11 innovative individuals from within its boundaries is vital to the
12 proper development of a government that is readily responsive to
13 its constituents.

14 (e) It is critical that each community within a newly formed
15 city's jurisdiction has a representative that understands and is able
16 to advocate for its specific needs.

17 SEC. 2. Section 34094 is added to the Government Code, to
18 read:

19 34094. The Commission on the Effective Government of the
20 City of Los Angeles is hereby established.

21 (a) The commission shall consist of ~~15~~ 18 members who shall
22 be appointed as follows:

23 (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

24 (2) Two members appointed by the President pro Tempore of
25 the Senate.

26 (3) Two members appointed by the Governor.

27 (4) ~~Three~~ Six members appointed by the Mayor of the City of
28 Los Angeles.

29 (5) ~~One member~~ Six members appointed by the President of the
30 Los Angeles City Council.

31 ~~(6) One member appointed by the each of the five members of~~
32 ~~the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.~~

1 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the members of the
2 commission broadly represent the unique perspectives of all of the
3 stakeholders in a collaborative process.

4 (c) Members shall serve without compensation, except that
5 members shall be reimbursed for necessary reasonable expenses
6 incurred for attending meetings of the commission.

7 (d) Members shall be current residents of the City of Los
8 Angeles.

9 (e) Registered lobbyists of the City of Los Angeles, the State
10 of California, or both *and publicly elected officials*, may not serve
11 as members of the commission.

12 ~~(f) The commission shall conduct a study on the governance of~~
13 ~~the City of Los Angeles, developing alternative models of~~
14 ~~governance that seek to provide more local autonomy in lieu of~~
15 ~~secession. The study shall include consideration of borough and~~
16 ~~ward systems, as utilized in other cities such as New York City and~~
17 ~~Chicago.~~

18 ~~(g)–~~

19 (f) *Once appointed, each member of the commission shall serve*
20 *at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Any vacancy shall be*
21 *filled by, the appointing authority.*

22 (g) *The commission shall be convened in the City of Los*
23 *Angeles on or before July 1, 2003. At its first meeting, the*
24 *commission shall determine when it will conduct subsequent*
25 *meetings to consider recommendations. Meetings of the*
26 *commission shall take place at least once a year and shall be open*
27 *to the public and shall be conducted in accordance with the*
28 *Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with*
29 *Section 11120) of Part 1 of Division 3). The duration of the*
30 *commission shall be from July 1, 2003, to July 1, 2009.*

31 (h) *The commission is charged with recommending alternative*
32 *modes of governance for the City of Los Angeles. This may include,*
33 *but is not limited to, recommending modifications to the existing*
34 *governing structure that would make it more responsive to local*
35 *communities or recommending alternative modes of governance*
36 *altogether.*

37 (i) *The commission shall submit its recommendations to the*
38 *Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, the City Council of the City of*
39 *Los Angeles, the Legislature, and the Governor on or before*
40 *January 1, 2005, and every two years thereafter, until 2009.*

1 (j) *The City Council of the City of Los Angeles may adopt the*
2 *recommendations.*

3 (k) The commission shall be assisted by the California State
4 University, Northridge, in collaboration with the Center for the
5 Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University, in
6 carrying out its responsibilities.

7 ~~(h)~~

8 (l) (1) This section shall become operative only if the
9 resolution of the conducting authority ordering the special
10 reorganization of the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los
11 Angeles is not confirmed by the voters at the November 5, 2002,
12 general election.

13 (2) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,*
14 *2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*
15 *that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.*

